



Leadership Priorities 2009-11*

Keep Kids Safe

- Focus on targeted prevention and early intervention services by continuing investments in Healthy Start, Relief Nurseries, CASA, Head Start and Early Head Start.
- Through the Casey Family Programs Partnership, reduce the number of children entering foster care by 20 percent by 2011; and improve outcomes for children and youth of color in the child welfare system.

Comprehensive Health Care for Children

- Provide basic health care coverage (Oregon Health Plan) to 80,000 additional children in Oregon.
Passage of HB 2117, Governor's Healthy Kids Plan
- Provide services and supports in early childhood, making them available based on individual needs of children and families. Coordinate existing resources to maximize availability to children and families across systems. **Passage of HB 2144, Children's Mental Health Wraparound Initiative**
- Immediately act to increase and maintain enrollment of 60,000 children who are currently eligible, but not enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan.
- Expand community school-based health clinics to ensure the health of children and teens.

Early Childhood Matters

- Provide public-private leadership and investments in statewide early childhood systems. This work supports the Governor's "Early Childhood Matters" plan, which focuses on health, learning and family supports for children. The plan invests in parenting competence, readiness to learn, and neurological development.

Respond to Teen Risk Factors at the Community Level

- Work with local communities to reduce risk factors such as poor parenting, community norms and academic failure, which lead to juvenile crime, suicide, teen pregnancy, depression and gang violence.
- Invest strategically in early childhood and school-age programs to decrease risk factors all along the age continuum, and invest in teen programs that prepare youth for the work force.
- Target youth who are at high risk of running away, abandonment, family separation and homelessness.

Break the Cycle of Drug and Alcohol Addictions in Families

- Focus targeted intervention and treatment efforts on at-risk families, and increase access to treatment and recovery services.
- Coordinate treatment services and recovery supports with Casey Partnership foster care reform efforts.

**These priorities were identified by the State Commission/Children's Collaborative based on the 36 local county comprehensive plans, Wellness Dashboard data and Governor's priorities.